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RESTRUCTURED RURAL SANITATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the restructured Rural Sanitation Programmes are being implemented in all the States;

(b) if so, the percentage of coverage thereof so far, State-wise;

(c) whether any periodical studies have been carried out by the Government/NGOs in various States in regard to implementation of this programme;

(d) if so, the findings thereof, State-wise;

(e) the amount allocated to each State under the programme during 2000-2001;

(f) the details of the States that have diverted the funds; (g) the details of the funds remained unspent for the purpose so far by the States during 1999-2000; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government for proper utilisation of funds meant for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) The Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme, which has come into being from 1.4.1999, is being implemented in the identified 58 pilot districts in the country. In order to allow time for proper grounding of this approach the existing Allocation Based Programme is also being continued throughout the country which will be progressively phased out during the 9th Plan period.

(b) After restructuring of the Programme, the number of latrines constructed during 1999-2000 and in the current year are given in the annexure.

(c) & (d) As the Restructured Rural Sanitation Programme is only in its second year, no periodic study has been conducted.The Programme is however, being monitored regularly. Regarding NGO`s, Ministry of Rural Development has no specific information.

(e) After restructuring of the Central Rural Sanitation Programme, the State wise allocation under Allocation-Based Programme during 2000-01 are given in annexure.

(f) As per the available information, no specific case of diversion of funds has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(g) The details of the funds unspent during 1999-2000 are given in annexure.

(h) The physical and financial progress are monitored on monthly basis. All the Programmes of this Ministry including Central Rural Sanitation Programme are regularly inspected by the Area Officers designated by the Ministry throughout the country.As per the existing guidelines the release of the funds to the States are subject to 60% utilisation of available funds and submission of Utilisation Certificates and AG Certificate etc.